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**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** White House Report: Daily Wrap and EPA Top Stories, 6/13/17

**Daily Wrap**

The Advocate (Della Hasselle) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – CAA compliance investigation for Denka facility in LaPlace, La. Working with OAR, OECA and Region 6. DDL: 6/13.

Bloomberg (Sylvia Carignan) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Looking for number of Superfund sites and some other data. With OSRTI. Deadline 3pm 6/13.

The Chemical Engineer (Nick Clark) [Received 6/13] – CLOSED – Green Chemistry Awards. Agency declining comment.

Chicago Tribune (Javonte Anderson) [Received 6/13] – CLOSED – Question about closure of region 5.

Courier Herald (Enumclaw, Washington; Raymond Still) [Received 6/9] – OPEN – EPA water affordability rates formula – discussing OW proposed response within OMR. Deadline 6/12.

Earthjustice (Colleen Fitzgerald) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Question about Administrator Pruitt's remarks on coal and power grid.

Freelancer (Tom Ewing) [Received 6/6] – CLOSED 6/13 – Sent link to 6/6 ozone delay press release.

International student (Min-ji Kim) [Received 6/9] - OPEN – Korean student visiting DC sent broad-based questions on environmental issues for school paper article – program thinks a written response including links will suffice. DDL 6/16.

Law360 (Adam Lidgett) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Following-up on personnel question on Patrick Taylor joining Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance.

Michigan Live (Ron Fonger) [Received 6/13] – CLOSED 6/13 – Budget proposal re: R5 and GLRI - OPS handling.

News 21 (Phoenix) (Jordan Houston) [Received 6/8] – OPEN – Sent reviewed response on drinking water standards. Awaiting reporter's specific follow-up questions and firm deadline.

OurUrbanTimes (Elaine Coorens) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Question about closure of region 5.

Politico (Eric Wolff) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Requesting info on status of EPA efficiency.

StarNews (Vaughn Hagerty) [Received 6/12] – CLOSED 6/13 – Follow-up on GenX and consent order. Working with OCSPP and OECA. DDL: 6/13. Enesta sent response.

S&P Global (Christopher Coats) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Question about advocacy for coal industry by agency heads.

St Louis Dispatch (Bryce Gray) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Asking for transcript of administrator's remarks at Thomas Hill Energy Center. Amy sent response.

Student; Isaac Bell [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Requesting copy of article on water protection.

Transport Topics (Laurie Wiegler) [Received 6/13] – CLOSED 6/13 – Declined to comment on any potential heavy duty truck actions the agency may be considering.

Washington Post (Chris Mooney) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Septic tank spending. DDL: Flexible. With OW for response.

WVTM 13 (Kierra Powell) [Received 6/6] – OPEN – GHG emissions. Suggested response with [press@epa.gov](mailto:press@epa.gov). DDL: 6/13.

## Top Stories

[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/06/13/u-s-cities-and-states-want-to-implement-the-paris-climate-accord-goals-its-not-that-simple/?utm\\_term=.777f48f07b54](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/06/13/u-s-cities-and-states-want-to-implement-the-paris-climate-accord-goals-its-not-that-simple/?utm_term=.777f48f07b54)

**US cities and states want to implement the Paris climate accord goals. It's not that simple.**

<https://www.politicopro.com/tipsheets/morning-energy/2017/06/nrc-epa-nominees-get-their-date-in-committee-today-023270>

**NRC, EPA nominees get their date in committee today**

<https://insideepa.com/daily-news/delaying-policy-epa-signals-significant-changes-obama-rmp-rule>

**Delaying policy, EPA signals significant changes to Obama RMP rule**

<https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2017/06/13/stories/1060055925>

**Pruitt supports 'sustainable' goals connected to climate**

<https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2017/06/13/stories/1060055937>

**Ex environmental officials sound alarm on proposed cuts**

<https://insideepa.com/daily-news/utility-group-suggests-cpp-replacement-plan-epa-advances-rollback>

**Utility group suggest CPP replacement plan as EPA advances rollback**

<https://insideepa.com/daily-news/doj-vows-course-corrections-implement-trumps-deregulatory-agenda>

**DOJ vows 'course corrections' to implement Trump's deregulatory agenda**

<https://insideepa.com/daily-news/former-officials-see-epa-budget-plan-driving-layoffs-among-young-staff>

**Former officials see EPA budget plan driving layoffs among young staff**

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**EPA Research Office Deputizes House Science Committee Aide**

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**Pruitt Delays Chemical Plant Regulation Changes to 2019**

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**EPA Head Blamed Obama for Paris Deal at G-7 Climate Summit**

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**U.S. Finds Isolated Climate Change Stance at G-7 Talks**

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**Investigators: EPA had no rules for working at risky mines**

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/environmental-protection-network\\_us\\_593edf75e4b0c5a35ca2191f](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/environmental-protection-network_us_593edf75e4b0c5a35ca2191f)

**Former EPA employees are so worried about Trump's plans, they formed their own Alt-EPA**

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/us-declines-to-affirm-international-commitment-to-addressing-climate-change/article/2625758>

**US declines to affirm international commitment to addressing climate change**

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**Carbon monoxide leak sickens 32 people in New York City**

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/337588-top-dem-accuses-epa-of-refusing-to-reply-to-oversight-requests>  
**Top Dem accuses EPA of refusing reply to oversight requests**

<https://www.politicopro.com/energy/whiteboard/2017/06/epa-enforcement-nominee-cant-imagine-being-pressured-to-drop-inquiry-089003>  
**EPA enforcement nominee 'can't imagine' being pressure to drop inquiry**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/06/13/stories/1060055957>  
**EPA fights green groups' bid to pursue Wyo. Haze suit**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/06/13/stories/1060055960>  
**Industry, enviros double down on TSCA priorities**

<https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2017/06/13/stories/1060055966>  
**Dems threaten to stall nominees on congressional requests**

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**Fate of thousands of recalled Volkswagens undecided**

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/democrats-give-trumps-pick-to-lead-epa-enforcement-a-lashing/article/2625831>  
**Democrats give Trump's pick to lead EPA enforcement a lashing**

<https://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/2017/06/13/stories/1060055976>  
**House Science aide joins agency**

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